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**RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Notification of Missing Requirements of Application dated **March 27, 2007**, enclosed for filing is an executed Declaration and Power of Attorney for the above-identified patent application.

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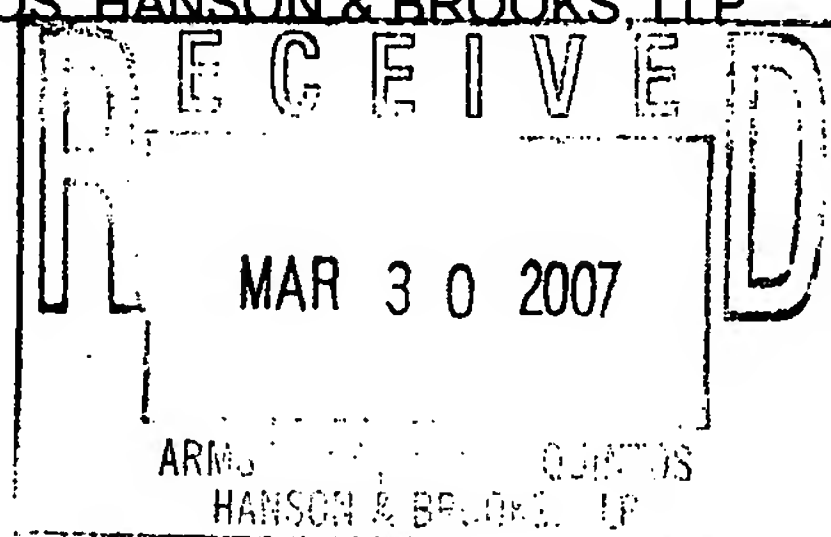
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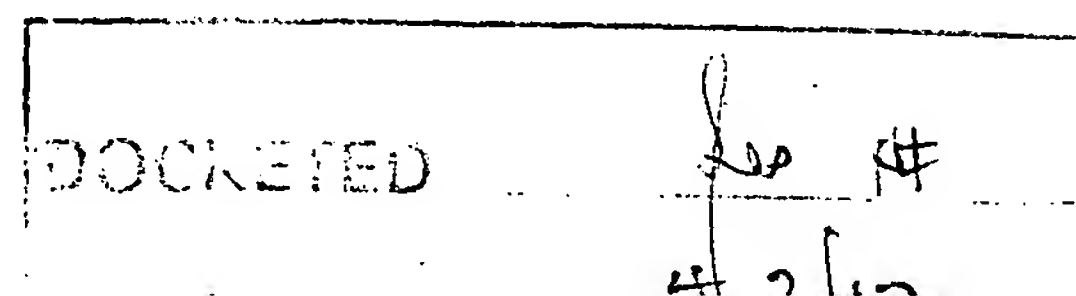
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